



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held April 12, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"I read an article in the April 11, 2005 Daily Breeze regarding the conditions of a group home in Harbor City. I was extremely concerned that a commissioner with the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections brought the conditions found at this home to the Department's attention, yet no action was taken.

"After my office became involved in this issue, I understand that the Department did send staff out to the group home. They concurred with the commissioner's inspection, and then took appropriate action to ensure the group home complied with all necessary modifications identified in the inspections.

"I am concerned, however, that a communication breakdown between the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections and the Department could likely exist, and, as a result, other perhaps more significant problems would be identified without appropriate follow-up."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Director of Children and Family Services was instructed, in partnership with the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections, to report back to the Board in two weeks on:

1. The reporting relationship between the Department of Children and Family Services and the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections with regards to group home inspections; and

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2. Identifying measures to put in place to ensure that reports of unsatisfactory conditions are followed up on, with appropriate action taken as necessary.

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